

1                                   **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84**

2            (By Senators Plymale, Wells, Beach, Browning, Edgell, Foster,  
3                                   Laird, Stollings, Tucker, Unger and Boley)  
4                                   [Originating in the Committee on Education]  
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6    Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the  
7            implementation of the 10 elements of high-quality digital  
8            learning and the implementation of the State Board of  
9            Education's Middle School Global 21 initiative.

10           Whereas, Former Governor of West Virginia, Bob Wise, and  
11           former Governor of Florida, Jeb Bush, created the Digital Learning  
12           Council to identify policies that would integrate current and  
13           future technological innovations into public education; and

14           Whereas, This Council included more than one hundred leaders  
15           from education, government, philanthropy, business, technology and  
16           think tanks; and

17           Whereas, The Council has identified 10 elements of high-  
18           quality digital learning; and

19           Whereas, Digital learning can customize and personalize  
20           education allowing students to learn in their own style and at  
21           their own pace; and

22           Whereas, Digital learning breaks down geographic barriers  
23           allowing every student to enroll in courses they would not

1 otherwise have access to; and

2       Whereas, The State Board of Education is seeking state funding  
3 to implement its Middle School Global 21 initiative. This includes  
4 funding for the development of a digital platform for all middle  
5 schools and funding to pilot schools who sign a memorandum of  
6 understanding to implement additional career modules and to be  
7 evaluated; and

8       Whereas, The goals of this initiative are to increase student  
9 achievement in all core subject areas in order to enhance career  
10 and college readiness and to increase student "informed" decisions  
11 and establishment of realistic career goals; and

12       Whereas, The State Board of Education has identified several  
13 objectives for the initiative. One of these identified objectives  
14 is the preparation of all students to make informed decisions and  
15 set realistic career goals, as reflected in an Individual Student  
16 Transition Plan that leads to a positive post-secondary outcome;  
17 and

18       Whereas, The State Board of Education has identified the  
19 process to accomplish its stated goals and objectives. One part of  
20 the process includes the creation of a functional, digital platform  
21 to support the content delivery and documentation of individual  
22 student learning. Another part of the process is to design and/or  
23 procure engaging and relevant middle school career-focused modules  
24 that transform students' core courses to have a career focus and a

1 hands-on project-based curriculum. Another part of the process is  
2 to establish a memorandum of understanding with each county and  
3 school to implement all elements of the initiative and establish  
4 defined supports; therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

6 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby  
7 requested to study the implementation of the 10 elements of high-  
8 quality digital learning and the implementation of the State Board  
9 of Education's Middle School Global 21 initiative; and, be it

10 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and  
11 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on  
12 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts  
13 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;  
14 and, be it

15 *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct this  
16 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be  
17 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on  
18 Government and Finance.